



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Rules and Resolutions
Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	08/25/2018	9:30 AM	Schmeckle Reserve, Stevens Point, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Tony Blattler at 9:30 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Patrick Quaintance, Tony Blattler, Eric Wojchik, Bradley Hopp, Ken Anderson, Bob Ellingson, Michael Gullickson, Al Lobner, Fred Wollenburg, Dick Baudhuin, Michel Dreischmeier, Jayne Meyer, MarySusan Diedrich, Kevin Smaby, Butch Roberts (each member introduced themselves)
EXCUSED	Wade Jeske, Meade Grim, Reed Kabelowsky, James Burmeister
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	Kari Lee Zimmermann, Matt O'Brien, Chandra Harvey, Mike Riggle, Daniel Cichantek

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	
ACTION	Motion by Ken Anderson to approve, second by Kevin Smaby . Motion passed unanimously.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Statement read by chair.
ACTION	Motion by Jayne Meyer to accept, second by Dick Baudhuin. Motion passed

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	Resolution 360118, email received from Greg Wurz in support of resolution.
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Citizen Resolutions

1.	410718 Change the WCC COP to eliminate discrimination	[PRESENTER]
DISCUSSION	Resolution read by chair. Email from author was mentioned and everyone has seen/read it. Michel Dreischmeier mentioned that this makes the committees irrelevant and there will be too many questions on the spring ballots. Kevin Smaby said that this would make the committees irrelevant as well. Al Lobner said everything will go to statewide vote and there is no need for committees. Spring hearing will be complicated and too long. Kari Lee Zimmermann mentioned that there are many resolutions that have incorrect information in them. Jayne Meyer understands frustration of authors and feels that if the information is correct, they should have the ability to get them on a statewide vote. Ken Anderson says the misinformation can be clarified in background information along with the committee recommendation. Michael Gullickson said you can't make it too easy to get resolutions on the statewide ballot. Dick Baudhuin said current procedure is good and that approval in county two years in a row shouldn't promote it to a statewide issue. Bradley Hopp said there is some creedance to the issues brought up in the resolution. Chandra Harvey said the congress's role includes a vetting process that may not be done if the resolution is passed. Al Lobner said that resolutions should be a statewide issue and there should be better control of resolutions at the county level. Many of the items that we deal with still need legislation to pass so changing rules for this author will open the door to many other issues to be brought statewide. Patrick Quaintance mentioned that he has taken other resolutions directly to the NRB that haven't made it through committee. Ken Anderson said 200 questions in spring is no problem.	
ACTION	Motion by Ken Anderson to accept, second by Brad Hopp. Motion failed on voice vote. Motion to reject by Kevin Smaby, second by Dick Baudhuin. Motion to reject passed on voice vote.	
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| 2. | 410118 Make the WCC and DLC more representative by population | [PRESENTER] |
| DISCUSSION | Email from author read by chair in support of resolution. Legislators that the author talks to said they question if the WCC is representative and should continue to be supported. Wants a subcommittee to look into a better way to represent the state by population. Would like to copy the US Congress model, keep county delegation the same but have the DLC act as senate and then have a joint committee to reconcile. Current 1 vote per county is not democratic and is the reason many have written off. Ken said there is nothing wrong with a subcommittee and should support to get subcommittee. Michel Dreischmeier said if we vote this forward it isn't creating a subcommittee but sending it to statewide vote. Brad Hopp asked about the history. Kevin Smaby said Milwaukee County used to be its own district but they often weren't representing themselves. Butch Roberts said the current system prevents a large population center from overwhelming everyone else and supports current system. Al Lobner said Milwaukee County isn't getting the attendance at the local level to support additional representation. Michael Gullickson said population growth in SE WI will outpace rest of state and that area would control the rest of the state if population is used as sole measure for representation. Jayne Meyer has talked to the author and understands the frustration of the county when they lost their representation. Ken Anderson said we have looked at this in the past and would welcome discussion again. | |
| ACTION | Motion by Dick Baudhuin to reject, second by Bob Ellingson . Motion passed on voice vote. | |
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| 3. | 130718 Make the WCC election and vote transparent and accessible | [PRESENTER] |
| DISCUSSION | Chair read resolution. Michael Gullickson said we would have to spend money for elections. Special interest groups would be involved. Kari Lee Zimmermann said there would be no authority for this to be done and would require legislation. Al Lobner said this was passed into law by Democratic Governor and would need to made statutorily. | |
| ACTION | Motion by Jayne Meyer to reject, second by Michael Gullickson. Motion passed unanimously. | |
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| 4. | 360118 Term limits for Conservation Congress | Dan Cichantek |
| DISCUSSION | Dan Cichantek appeared to support his resolution. Would like to see more diversity on Conservation Congress, thinks there needs to be more young people on the Congress. Nobody wants to run against established delegates. Thinks its time to put a 10 year term limit on, there would be opportunity to get back on the congress after a year or two. Is open to modify proposals. Ken Anderson questioned whether the term limits were considered for committee rather than the congress. Author said he is supportive of committee term limits too. Tony Blattler mentioned that some of the counties such as Brown and 4 others that still have opening that aren't not filled. In 2017, there were 9 counties without full representation. Mandating term limits may make more openings. Mary Susan Diedrich asked if he approached other groups other than sportsmans groups. Dan said he just visited with the Manitowoc sportsman alliance which is a group of all outdoor clubs. Worried about what will happen in 15 years. Youth program is good, but not enough participation. Al Lobner asked how someone could be on a committee longer than 10 year. Ken is upset that people are on committees too long. kevin smaby thinks we should deal with this separately. Dick Baudhuin is not in support of term limits he think we have more difficulty filling seats. Michael Gullickson thinks the amendment is a separate item that can be dealt with later. Ken Anderson would like committee to vote his amendment down. Vote on amendment taken. Kevin Smaby says that there is more of an issue filling seats than being on too long. He is not on the congress to accomplish a specific goal, his goal is a lifetime goal and support of natural resources. Jayne Meyer said Dane County has no shortage of people interested in running or diversity. Jayne asked about a friendly amendment to allow people to stay on if no one else is running. Dan said he is supportive. Michael Gullickson is not in favor of this. His personal experience was being asked to run 8 years ago. Was overwhelming to start with, learned more about the congress over the next 2-3 years, was finally comfortable after 4-5 years. Thinks it takes time to learn about the congress and be productive. Al Lobner said he has no personal goals and as a district they still have open seats. Al said the young people don't want to put in the time. Ken Anderson said the 10 years wouldn't start until after it was passed by whole congress. Thinks the institutional knowledge is important. Mentioned that chairs could reappoint someone affected by the term limit if no one else ran. Eric Wojchik doesn't think term limits will help promote diversity. MarySusan Diedrich said young people don't have time and we need to do more promotion. Doesn't agree with term limits at this point. Bob Ellingson mentioned different committees have different history. Doesn't think that members that have a single focus are the best representatives. Fred Wollenburg said marquette | |

	county has to recruit members and even the committees have to recruit members. Members with history on the congress are beneficial. Bradley Hopp was appointed to congress and committee and that it takes awhile to get productive and is not in favor of term limits.
ACTION	Motion to Jayne Meyer to advance, second to Patrick Quaintance. Amendment Motion by Ken Anderson to add a second question to ask about 10 years on study committees. Second by Bob Ellingson. Motion to amend failed on voice vote. Motion to advance fails on voice vote. Motion to reject by Dick Baudhuin and second by Eric Wojchik. Motion to reject passes on voice vote.
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B. Standardization of committee assignments by district (ad hoc committee report)

Kevin Smaby

DISCUSSION	<p>Kevin Smaby gave a subcommittee report. No standardized procedure amongst districts. Questionnaire was sent out to all districts. No current term limits. Email from Brett Weir was mentioned suggesting on-line signups for committees eliminating paperwork and gives more information to delegate. Tony Blattler said he doesn't foresee an online signup to improve the process. Kevin thinks we need a standardized process. Ken Anderson asked how the number of delegates per district was decided, think there should be more standardized representation. Dick Baudhuin mentioned that he doesn't think all districts need to be represented on each committee, would like a standardized process by an election with 1 vote per county. Fred Wollenburg said for new members coming in standardization would be good. Tony Blattler asked if committee felt there should be a standardized procedure and there was consensus there should be. MarySusan Diedrich said there should representation from each district on every committee. Michael Gullickson asked what is driving the issue, are people unhappy with how things are currently working. Eric Wojchik asked if there was a way of knowing what committee openings were after spring elections. Would like delegates to be able to enter their interest in the delegate profile. Could a random draw be used. Tony Blattler asked about consensus of having districts being represented on all committees. Patrick Quaintance said all delegates should get to be on the committees they want. He mentioned that if he doesn't get on a committee he likes he will likely leave the congress. Michael Gullickson said we need to focus on the process and not whether people are getting the committees they want. Kevin reviewed what District 5 is currently doing. Michel Dreischmeier mentioned that term limits will not get more people onto their committees sooner. They may still have to wait for years to get on the committee. We should encourage turnover but if there are exceptions to term limits, there are no effective term limits. Ken Anderson said that he would like term limits on committees. Tony Blattler said too much turnover isn't healthy either. Eric Wojchik appreciated being on several committees and would hope others would want to be on many different committees too. Patrick Quaintance mentioned that he wants to get on a committee he wants or will likely leave the congress. Tony Blattler mentioned that members need to make it known what committees or positions they want to have. Fred Wollenburg thinks DLC needs to find a way to bring the new members in and ask them what committees they are interested in. Need better communications between delegates and district leaders. Jayne Meyer said their districts ask for interest in committees by each member. Kari Lee Zimmermann mentioned that odd or even districts could be used to limit turnover. Michael Gullickson mentioned that each committee is unique for term limits. Experience is important on committees but is in favor of term limits. Dick Baudhuin says whoever is interested in a committee needs to identified and representation determined by election, 1 vote per county. Eric Wojchik mentioned that District 5's process is good. Dick Baudhuin said if process is good, no need to discuss term limits. Michael Gullickson said if multiple people are interested, then there should be a rotation. At least 2 years at a time. Kari mentioned that delegate profile could be used to get interest in committees documented. Jayne Meyer mentioned that originally committee assignment was from executive committee and went down to district level to make the decision more local. Tony Blattler mentioned that interest should be gathered in the delegate profile. LUNCH BREAK Discussion on process of assigning committees and timelines. Committees don't have to be finalized until the end of May. District meeting would just be a reminder that delegate profiles need to be filled out no later than 5 days after election. District Councilors would get lists of committee interest prior to Annual Convention. Discussion on how to appoint committee members when there are multiple people interested. Michael Gullickson discussed how this rotation might work. Consensus 1): Standardized process across districts for committee assignment. 2): Minimum of 1 person from each district on all committees except Mississippi, Great Lakes, and ad hoc. 3): Delegates will indicate committee interest on delegate profile, by Friday after spring hearing. 4): District Councilors will be provided committee interest ASAP when available 5): District Leadership members fill in recommendations by the annual convention 6): Finalize committee recommendation by 2nd May DLC meeting.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Ken Anderson to forward recommendation to DLC, second by Dick Baudhuin. Motion passed unanimously.
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C. Code of Procedures Review and possible changes

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	
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D. C1 Resolution presentation / format - require resolution to be typed XB1 XC3

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Current system can electronically read resolutions only if typed.
ACTION	Motion to Strike "or written legibly" in XB1, and to strike "written" from XC3 by Michael Gullickson, and seconded by Patrick Quaintance. Motion passed unanimously.
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E. C2 Changes related to implementing online input option approved by WCC

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Discussion about potential changes to COP to accommodate on line survey. Does the COP need to be changed to identify the procedure the delegates have to follow to hand out unique county codes. Lots of questions of how on line voting will work, but this is not the agenda item noticed.
ACTION	No action.
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

F. C3 Restrict delegates from engaging in political activities while acting in WCC role

Jayne Meyer

DISCUSSION	Jayne Meyer notes that the congress is non-partisan and would like the floor of the convention to remain non-partisan. No one should be campaigning on the floor of the convention for political office. Discussion on where this item may fit into the code of procedure. Question on whether this should only be limited to campaigning.
ACTION	Motion by Jayne Meyer to add XIII.A.7.f "engaging in campaign activities for non WCC office while acting in their capacity as a WCC delegate", seconded by Michael Gullickson. Motion passes unanimously.
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G. C4 Additional Fall DLC meeting VI.A.1

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Currently there is a DLC meeting in October which is not currently listed in the COP.
ACTION	Motion by Michel Dreischmeier, second by Eric Wojchik to add "October" in front of January under VI.A.1. Motion passed unanimously.
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Brad Hopp mentioned the new members made a good contribution to the meeting and that having change in membership is healthy. Al Lobner appreciated ad hoc committee work. Ken Anderson asked where in COP a study committee can generate their own resolution and advance it? Ken Anderson said reviewing other committee minutes there were a few that had motions and actions taken. This should not be happening under member matters. Ken Anderson asked whether baiting actually contributed to disease spread. Asked about whether there was still a law on the books preventing foreign corporations from owning over 600 acres and how that applied to Foxconn. Michael Gullickson appreciates the homework done before the meeting. Chandra mentioned this committee is very important
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	in steering the direction of the congress. Tony Blattler would like a separate email to indicate attendance rather than reply to meeting email. There is not another rules and resolution meeting planned for this year. Hope to plan next meeting April 22nd. Committees are important to vet resolutions prior to going to statewide vote.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:10 PM Motion by Ken Anderson, second Fred Wollenburg. Motion passed.
SUBMITTED BY	Michel Dreischmeier
DATE	08/25/2018